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Prof. Agassiz' party in Brazil, starts this month to explore western Iowa, both to collect and study the animals and fossils of that little-known region. If successful in this field, he intends to push on, another season, to the Rocky Mountains, and collect in that region.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

G. H. K.—The most brief and comprehensive Manuals of Taxidermy, or the art of preparing specimens of Natural History for the cabinet, are those published by the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., in pamphlet form, especially the Directions for collecting, preserving, and transporting specimens of Natural History.

J. T. G., Massachusetts.—Among the best works from which to gain a general knowledge of Natural History are Prof. Asa Gray's Botanical Series, embracing the following:—

How Plants Grow.

First Lessons in Botany.

Manual of Botany of the United States. Illustrated. 8vo. Published by Messrs. Ivison & Phinney, New York.

Agassiz & Gould's Principles of Zoölogy. Gould & Lincoln, Boston.

Mind in Nature. By H. J. Clark. Appleton & Co., New York, 1866.

Tenney's Zoölogy for Schools. C. Scribner, New York.

Harris's Insects Injurious to Vegetation. Nichols & Noyes, Boston.

Westwood's Classification of Insects. London. 2 vols. 8vo.

Dana's Manual of Geology. T. Bliss & Co., Philadelphia. 8vo.

Hugh Miller's Popular Geology, and other works, published by Gould & Lincoln, Boston.

Prof. A. Guyot's Series on Physical Geography, with his Physical Maps. C. Scribner, New York. Earth and Man. Gould & Lincoln, Boston. 12mo.

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NATURAL HISTORY CALENDAR.

ORNITHOLOGICAL CALENDAR FOR MAY.—The first half of May witnesses the grand culmination of the vernal migration; more species arriving between May 1st and 20th than during the rest of Spring; and probably at no period in the year are our woods so densely populated as now, when countless numbers, on their way north, spend a few days with us in their passage. Few arrive after the 15th or 20th, though in some seasons there are many representatives of species, which breed farther north, remaining till the close of the month.